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SUBJECT: IMPACT OF BRAZILIAN FROST ON ETHIOPIAN COFFEE MARKET.

1. COFFEE EXPORTERS AND EPMG ATTEMPTING TO ASSESS THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE BRAZILIAN FROST ON ETHIOPIA'S COFFEE EXPORT PROSPECTS. BASIC QUESTION IS QUANTITY OF COFFEE AVAILABLE FOR EXPORT FROM 1974 HARVEST. ESTIMATES OF POTENTIAL EXPORTS BETWEEN NOW AND ARRIVAL OF NEW CROP (FOUGHLY 1 NOV) VARY FROM A MINIMUM OF 25,000 TONS (COFFEE EXPORTERS) TO A MAXIMUM OF 40-50,000 TONS (NATIONAL BANK). ORIGINAL ESTIMATES BY COFFEE BOARD OF EXPORTABLE SURPLUS FOR 1974 CROP WERE BETWEEN 75-80,000 TONS. AS OF JULY 20 EXPORTS STOOD AT ROUGHLY 45,000 TONS. IN ADDITION, COFFEE SMUGGLING PROBABLY ACCOUNTED FOR ANOTHER 5-10,000 TONS LEAVING AN EXPORTABLE SURPLUS OF 20-30,000 TONS. HOWEVER, GIVEN THE SHARP INCREASE IN PRICES IT IS POSSIBLE THAT ADDITIONAL TONNAGE WILL BE FOUND FROM OLD CROP. BEFORE BRAZILIAN FROST, COFFEE WAS SELLING FOR ROUGHLY 43-44 CENTS PER POUND FOB DJIBOUTI. CURRENT PRICE IS ROUGHLY 73 CENTS PER POUND. OVER THE PAST FEW DAYS AROUND

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2,000 TONS OF COFFEE HAVE BEEN SOLD FOR EXPORT AT THAT PRICE. AC-

TIVITY IN THE COFFEE AUCTION HAS INCREASED DRAMATICALLY WITH  
ROUGHLY 800 TONS PER DAY BEING SOLD TO EXPORTERS AND COFFEE IS  
NOW FLOWING IN FROM OUTLYING REGIONS AT A GREATLY INCREASED RATE.  
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